

National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program

State of California FFY 2003 Status Report

Overall Program Status

The budget crisis in California has severely impacted tsunami program activities during the FFY 03 performance period. James Godfrey, Lead Staff for the California Tsunami Mitigation Program was laid off in early 2003, in the first wave of budget reduction to impact OES. Attempts to fill his position were put on hold as additional reductions in force were implemented. We are currently in the process of identifying OES staff who will assume tsunami mitigation functions at the state and regional levels.

Existing contracts between OES and USC will complete modeling of all coastal counties between the Mexican Border and San Francisco Bay. Contracts have been extended and enhanced between OES and the University of Southern California to complete course grid modeling of northern California, from the San Francisco Bay Region and the Oregon border with NOAA core funding obligations. USC is awaiting data from TIME.

NOAA Notification of Solicitation/Modification of Contract of 9/17/03 has been received and has been processed by OES. Staffing and budgeting are in process and it is planned to combine FFY 03 and FFY 04 funding to accelerate mapping and assistance to coastal counties in developing evacuation plans and public information materials.

OES staff (emergency management, GIS, mitigation, management) are now being redirected to southern California to staff recovery operations for the fire siege.